(b) to (d) Enquiry has been ordered into all the nine cases. In seven cases the concerned persons have been found guilty and in two cases, enquiry is in progress. Further details are being obtained and will be laid on the table of the House.

Policy of the management of Air India imposing suspension pending enquiry

904. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees of Air India are on suspension pending enquiry as on date;

(b) the details of designation, department-wise and Caste-Status, SC or ST of the persons placed under suspension;

(c) what is the policy of the management of Air India for imposing suspension pending enquiry; and

(d) whether any written guidelines have been issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scheme for Financial Aid to Travel Agents and Tour Operators

905. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any Scheme to extend financial aid to the travel agents and tour operators for their promotional efforts;

(b) if so, when was the scheme introduced;

(c) what are the details of the rules and regulations made by the Ministry when the scheme was introduced and subsequent changes that have been made in them from time to time;

(d) what is the total amount disbursed to the various parties with full details for each disbursement since the inception of this scheme;

(e) whether there is any element of discrimination between various types and sizes of the travel agents/tour operators; and

(f) if so, what for the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A scheme for giving assistance to approved Tour Operators and Trevel Agents in various fields for helping them to develop international tourist traffic to India was introduced in 1988-89. The scheme is called 'Assistance for Development of International Tourism' (ADIT).

(c) The detailed guidelines; criteria and a list of subsequent modification/additions incorporated in the scheme from time to time are enclosed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 21].

(d) The details for each disbursement to various parties since the inception of the scheme is enclosed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 22].

(e) and (f) The assistance is preferably extended to the companies which are smaller and need the assistance for taking up their promotion abroad. However, the assistance is also provided to big concerns as and when they undertake new ventures and for the development and promotion of comparatively new thrust areas.

Projects for development of International Airports

906. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govt. propose to invest about Rs. 731 crore on various development projects at its International Airports;